

STATE WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0055

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS
AND AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE
GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING IN THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT
MONITORING ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The mission of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations;
2. Ambient water quality monitoring provides valuable information to assess the potential impacts of pollutants on the beneficial uses of water;
3. Assembly Bill 599 required the State Water Board to develop a statewide groundwater quality monitoring program that builds on State Water Board's GAMA program and designs new elements to establish a program capable of assessing each groundwater basin through direct and other statistically reliable sampling approaches;
4. Proposition 50 provides for \$10,835,000 for implementation of the statewide groundwater quality monitoring program. In addition, Title 23, Section 2200 (waste discharge fees) has been amended to include an Ambient Water Monitoring Surcharge and \$1,330,000 annually has been allocated to replace General Fund contracts to implement the GAMA program; and
5. Expenditure authority for this agreement is included in the budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract(s) and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$12,165,000, to implement the statewide groundwater quality monitoring program.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 21, 2005.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board